# THE IDENTIFICATION OF ALOES IN EAST AFRICA 

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## INTRODUCTION

Many readers of the Journal of the East African Natural History Society must, no doubt, be already acquainted with Dr. G. W. Reynolds' splendid book "The Aloes of Tropical Africa and Madagascar" which was published in 1966. Those who have tried to use it to identify Aloes in East Africa will probably have found Dr. Reynold's key to the groups into which he divides the genus difficult to follow and will have regretted the absence of any quick means of ascertaining which species have been found in any given area.

The present paper is an attempt to supply the latter desideratum and to provide a key, which, it is hoped, will be easier to use. It is in no sense an original work and is not based on any detailed study of the genus. It is merely an attempt to reorganize some of the information supplied by Dr. Reynolds so as to make it easier to use. Nobody should try to use the present paper by itself to name Aloes. It should be used simply as an adjunct to Dr. Reynolds' book and if it helps the reader to arrive more quickly at Dr. Reynolds' descriptions and illustrations, by reference to which alone can the naming of Aloes be carried out with any approach to confidence, the aim of the author will have been achieved.

In the table of geographical distribution the following areas are recognized.
$W A$ is Tropical Africa west of the eastern boundary of the former British Cameroons.
CA, Central Africa, is the former French Equatorial Africa and former Belgian territory with Spanish and Portuguese enclaves. It is divided into X , the whole area except RwandaBurundi and R , Rwanda-Burundi.
$N E$, the North Eastern Area, is divided into SU, the Sudan Republic; ER, Eritrea; AR, Arabia; SC, Socotra; SM, Somalia and ET, Ethiopia apart from Eritrea.

EA, East Africa, consists of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, U 1-4, K 1-7 and T 1-9 are the provinces of these countries, as recognized in "The Flora of Tropical East Africa" T9 being the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba.

STA, South tropical Africa is divided into AN, Angola; ZA, Zambia; MA, Malawi, PE, Portuguese East Africa; RH, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and BO, Botswana (Bechuanaland protectorate).
$S A$ is South Africa, together with South West Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. In this column only those species are included which are known also to occur in one or more of the other areas.

In the final column a K indicates that the species is dealt with in the key.
Empty horizontal lines in the geographical table are used to separate the groups into which Dr. Reynolds divides the genus. These groups are not the same as those used in the present key to East African species.

The Key to East African species deals with all species known to occur in Rwanda-Burundi, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, together with additional species recorded from adjacent parts of neighbouring countries. The numbers of the species in the key are those used by Dr. Reynolds and can thus be used for quick reference to his work without the necd to consult the index.

## TABLE OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE TROPICAL AFRICAN SPECIES OF ALOE



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| 14 | bullockii | . | . | ...... | .... |  | ...x..... |  |  | 14 | K |
| 15 | buettneri | x | x . |  |  |  |  | xxx. . | - | 15 |  |
| 16 | jucunda | - | . | ....x. | .... | . . . . . | . ......... | ...... | - | 16 |  |
| 17 | hemmingii | . | $\cdots$ | .....x. | .... | . $\cdot .$. | . $\cdot$. $\cdot$...... | . $\cdot .$. |  | 17 |  |
| 18 | jacksonii | . | . | . . . . . $x$ |  |  |  | . . . . . |  | 18 | K |
| 19 | somaliensis | . | . | x |  |  |  | ...... |  | 19 |  |
| 20 | erensii | - | . | x . | .... | . x |  |  |  | 20 | K |
| 21 | peckii | . | . | .....x. | .... | ....... |  | . . . . . |  | 21 |  |
| 22 | mcloughlinii | . | . | . . . . $x$ | .... |  |  |  |  | 22 |  |
| 23 | pirottae | . | $\cdots$ | . .xx | . . . | x. .x. .x |  | . . . . . | - | 23 | K |
| 24 | dorotheae | , | . |  | .... |  | x |  | . | 24 | K |
| 25 | morogoroensis | . | . |  |  | ....... | . . . . .x. . | . $\cdot$. |  | 25 | K |
| 26 | greenwayi | - | . | ...... | $\ldots$ | . . . . . . | . .x. | ...... | - | 26 | K |
| 27 | amudatensis | - | . |  | x. . | xx . |  |  |  | 27 | K |
| 28 | graminicola | . | . | ..... $x$ | .... | .. xx . | . ........ | ...... |  | 28 | K |
| 29 | kilifiensis | . | . | . . . . . |  | ..... x |  | . . . . . |  | 29 | K |
| 30 | greatheadii | . | X. |  |  |  |  | .x.xxx |  | 30 |  |
| 31 | swynnertonii | . | . |  | .... | . $\cdot .$. | . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | . . $x x x$. |  | 31 |  |
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| 33 | saponaria | - | . |  |  |  |  | . | x | 33 |  |
| 34 | zebrina | . | . |  | .... |  |  | xxxxxx | x | 34 |  |
| 35 | macrocarpa | x | $\cdots$ | xx... x | ... | . $\cdot$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. |  | . $\cdot$. |  | 35 |  |
| 36 | lateritia | . | x x |  | $\ldots \mathrm{x}$ | ..xx.xx | .xx...xx. | ..... |  | 36 | K |
| 37 | hereroensis | - |  |  |  | . . . . . |  | x..... | x | 37 |  |
| 38 | chabaudii | - | X. |  |  |  | .xx. | . xxxx . | x | 38 | K |
| 39 | bukobana | . |  |  |  |  | X.. X . | . ..... |  | 39 | K |
| 40 | milne-redheadii |  |  |  |  | . . . . . . |  | xx.... | - | 40 |  |
| 41 | mzimbana | - | x . | . . . . . | .... | ....... | . . .x..... | .xx... | - | 41 | K |
| 42 | rivae |  | . | x |  | x...... | . . . . . . . | ...... |  | 42 | K |
| 43 | grata |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | - | 43 |  |
| 44 | niebuhriana | . |  | .x... |  |  |  | ...... | - | 44 |  |
| 45 | rigens | - | $\cdots$ | ....x. | .... | .... | ......... | . . . . . |  | 45 |  |
| 46 | tomentosa | . | . | ..x.x. | .... |  |  | . . . . . |  | 46 |  |
| 47 | doei |  |  | . .x... |  |  |  |  |  | 47 |  |
| 48 | trichosantha | . | . | .x...x |  |  |  | . $\cdot$. |  | 48 |  |
| 49 | menachensis | . | . | . .x... | .... | . . . . . . |  | ...... |  | 49 |  |
| 50 | pubescens |  | . | ..... x |  |  |  | . ..... |  | 50 |  |
| 51 | eremophila |  |  | . .x... |  |  |  | . . . . . |  | 51 |  |
| 52 | serriyensis |  | . | . x . | . | . . . |  | . $\cdot$. |  | 52 |  |
| 53 | dhalensis | . | . | . .x... | . $\cdot$. | . . . . . . | . . . . . . . | . . . . . |  | 53 |  |
| 54 | audhalica | . | . | . .x... |  |  |  | . . . . . | - | 54 |  |
| 55 | barbadensis |  |  | . .x. |  |  |  |  |  | 55 |  |
| 56 | metallica |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  | 56 |  |
| 57 | massawana | . | $\cdots$ | . X . . . | .... |  | . . . . ? . | ...... | - | 57 | K |
| 58 | vacillans | . | . | . .x... | .... |  |  | . . . . . |  | 58 |  |
| 59 | officinalis |  |  | . .x... |  |  |  |  |  | 59 |  |
| 60 | otallensis |  | . | . . . . . $x$ |  | x |  |  |  | 60 | K |
| 61 | splendens | - | . | . .x. |  |  |  |  | - | 61 |  |
| 62 | cremnophila |  |  | .... x . |  |  |  | . . . . | - | 62 |  |
| 63 | pendens |  |  | . .x. |  |  |  |  |  | 63 |  |
| 64 | confusa |  |  |  |  |  | . X |  |  | 64 | K |
| 65 | veseyi |  |  |  | . . |  | . x | .x.... |  | 65 | K |
| 66 | mendesii |  |  |  | . . |  |  | x . |  | 66 |  |
| 67 | pendulifiora | - | . | $\ldots .$. | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | ? |  |  | 67 | K |



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| 126 | volkensii | - | . x | . . $\cdot$. | . X . | X | xxx.....? | .... . |  | 126 | K |
| 127 | squarrosa | . | . | . .x. . | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  | 127 |  |
| 128 | zanzibarica | - | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | . . . |  | . .? | . . . . . |  | 128 | K |
| 129 | tororoana | - | . |  | . x . |  |  |  |  | 129 | K |
| 130 | hendrickxii | . | x. | . . . . . | ... | ........ |  | ...... |  | 130 | K |
| 131 | deserti | . | . | . . . . . | .... | . .x. .x | x | . .... |  | 131 | K |
| 132 | hildebrandtii | . | $\cdots$ | ....x. | . $\cdot$. |  |  |  |  | 132 |  |
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| 135 | cameronii | - | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$. | . $\cdot$. |  | . $\cdot . . . . . .$. | .xxxx. |  | 135 |  |
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| 137 | retrospiciens | - | . | ....x. | $\ldots$ | . $\cdot$. $\cdot$. . |  | . ..... |  | 137 |  |
| 138 | babatiensis | - | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot .$. | .... | . $\cdot .$. | . $\mathrm{x} . . . . .$. | ...... |  | 138 | K |
| 139 | elgonica | - | . |  |  | . X |  |  |  | 139 | K |
| 140 | flexifolia | . | . |  |  |  | x |  |  | 140 | K |
| 141 | boscawenii | - | . | . $\cdot$. | ... | . $\cdot .$. | X | ...... |  | 141 | K |
| 142 | rabaiensis | - | . | x. | *... | .x.xx |  |  |  | 142 | K |
| 143 | dawei | . | xx |  | . x . x | . x . |  |  |  | 143 | K |
| 144 | gossweileri | . | . |  | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  | 144 |  |
| 145 | catengiana | - | $\cdots$ |  | . . . |  |  | X. |  | 145 |  |
| 146 | kedongensis | . | . |  | .... | . .x. x . | .x. | . . . . . |  | 146 | K |
| 147 | ngobitensis | - | . |  | .... | . .xx.. |  |  |  | 147 | K |
| 148 | nyiriensis | - | . | . $\cdot$. | . . . | ...x... |  | . ..... | - | 148 | K |
| 149 | arborescens | - | -• |  | . $\cdot$. | . . . . . . | . $\cdot . . .1$. | . . xxx. | X | 149 |  |
| 150 151 | sebaca eminens | . | . | ...x... |  |  |  |  |  | 150 151 |  |

## THE NUMBER OF ALOE SPECIES IN EACH AREA

West tropical Africa 4, of which 1 endemic
Central tropical Africa excluding Rwanda-Burundi 12
Rwanda-Burundi 5
Central tropical Africa including Rwanda-Burundi 15, of which 2 are confined to the area

## Sudan Republic 8

Eritrea 7
Arabia 18, of which 2 also in Africa
Socotra 3, all endemic
Somalia 20
Ethiopia (excluding Eritrea) 25
North Eastern Africa and Arabia as a whole 68, of which 53 are confined to the area
Uganda 1 (Northern Province) 9
U 2 (Western Province) 4
U 3 (Eastern Province) 2
U 4 (Buganda) 3
Uganda as a whole 14, of which 3 endemic
Kenya 1 (North Eastern Province) 9
K 2 (Turkana) 4
K 3 (Rift Valley Province) 7
K 4 (Central Province) 12
K 5 (Lake Province) 1
K 6 (Masai Province) 5
K 7 (Coast Province) 9
Kenya as a whole 26, of which 6 endemic

Tanzania 1 (Lake Province) 6
T 2 (Northern Province) 8
T 3 (Tanga Province) 9
T 4 (Western Province) 9
T 5 (Central Province) 1
T 6 (Eastern Province) 3 and 1 doubtful
T 7 (Southern Highland Province) 8
T 8 (Southern Province) 4
T 9 (Zanzibar and Pemba) 3 all doubtful
Tanzania as a whole 30 and 1 doubtful, of which 14 endemic
East Africa (Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania) as a whole 54 and 1 doubtful, of which 32 are confined to the area
Angola 17
Zambia 15
Malawi 15
Portuguese East Africa 18
Rhodesia 25

## Botswana 5

South Tropical Africa as a whole 47, of which 27 are confined to the area

## South Africa 133, of which 11 occur also in Tropical Africa

Key to the species of Aloe occurring in Rwanda-Burundi, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania anp adjacent parts of neighbouring countries. Based on the account of these species given in G. W. Reynolds "The Aloes of Tropical Africa and Madagascar" (1966).

Key to groups (these are artificial groups for the purpose of the key and not the more or less natural groups recognized by Dr. Reynolds in his book).

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Branches of inflorescence 1-4:
    Acaulescent, or the stems under 50 cm. long:
        Teeth on leaves under 5 mm. apart; leaves under 5 cm. wide at the base. . Group 1
        Teeth on leaves over 5 mm. apart, leaves often more than }5\textrm{cm}\mathrm{ . wide at the base . Group 2
    Stems over 50 cm. long; teeth on leaves over 5 mm. apart:
        Bracts more than half as long as pedicel . . . . . . . Group 3
        Bracts less than half as long as pedicel . . . . . . . . Group 4
Branches of inflorescence 5 or more:
    Acaulescent, or stems under 50 cm. long:
        Bracts more than half as long as pedicel:
            Outer perianth segments united for more than 60% of their length . . Group 5
            Outer perianth segments united for less than 60% of their length . . . Group 6
        Bracts less than half as long as pedicel:
            Outer perianth segments united for 60% or more of their length . . . Group }
            Outer perianth segments united for less than 60% of their length . . . Group }
    Stems over }50\textrm{cm}.\mathrm{ long:
        Bracts more than half as long as pedicel . . . . . . . Group 9
        Bracts less than half as long as pedicel:
            Outer perianth segments united for 60% or more of their length . . . Group 10
            Outer perianth segments united for less than 60% of their length . . . Group 11
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## Group 1

Rootstock not a bulb; leaves with a few spots at the base:
Bracts up to 15 mm . long, pedicels over 10 mm . long:
Bracts as long as pedicels; perianth $15-20 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, the outer tepals free to the base
Bracts $\frac{1}{2}-2 / 3$ as long as pedicels; perianth $38-42 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, the outer tepals $10-75 \%$ united
Bracts up to 4 mm . long; pedicels $5-7 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; perianth
27 mm . long, the outer tepals $75 \%$ united
1 myriacantha (Haw.) R. \& S.
12 nuttii Bak.
18 jacksonii Reynolds
Rootstock a bulb; leaves without spots; outer tepals $60-70 \%$ united:
Bracts $25-30 \mathrm{~mm}$., pedicels $5-7 \mathrm{~mm}$., perianth up to 48 mm . long
Bracts $8-10 \mathrm{~mm}$., pedicels $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$., perianth 30 mm . long .
13 richardsiae Reynolds
14 bullockii Reynolds

## Group 2

Bracts under 7 mm . long; pedicels under 12 mm . long:
Leaves under 5 cm . wide; perianth under 28 mm . long:
Leaves under 2 cm . wide
18 jacksonii Reynolds
Leaves over 2 cm . wide:
Bracts more than $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as pedicels . . . 128 zanzibarica Milne-Redhead
Bracts less than $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as pedicels . . . 129 tororoana Reynolds
Leaves 5 cm . or more wide:
Perianth under 25 mm . long .
129 tororoana Reynolds
Perianth over 30 mm . long:
Bracts shorter than pedicels:
Pedicels under 12 mm . long:
Bracts 3 mm . long; stamens exserted . . . 24 dorotheae Berger Bracts 6 mm . long; stamens not exserted

25 morogoroensis Christian
Pedicels over 15 mm . long; bracts 5 mm . long
102 ukambensis Reynolds
Bracts longer than pedicels
57 massawana Reynolds
Bracts over 7 mm . long:
Pedicels under 11 mm . long:
Teeth on leaves about 8 mm . apart
26 greenwayi Reynolds
Teeth on leaves over 10 mm . apart:
Bracts about 7 mm . long
57 massawana Reynolds
Bracts about 12 mm . long
131 deserti Engl.
Pedicels 14 mm . long, or more:
Perianth under 25 mm . long
Perianth over 27 mm . long:
Bract $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as pedicel; leaves 3 times as long as wide
Bract more than $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as pedicel; leaves 6-9 times as long as wide:
Perianth 35 mm . long
27 amudatensis Reynolds
41 mzimbana Christian

Perianth $28-33 \mathrm{~mm}$. long $. \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad 99$ sereti De Wild.
70 compacta Reynolds

## Group 3

Bracts shorter than the pedicels:
Pedicels $15-20 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; leaves without, or with few dots: Leaves $2.5-4 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide:
Infloresecence not pendent; bracts 7 mm . long . . 64 confusa Engl.
Inflorescence pendent; bracts 10 mm . long 67 penduliflora Bak. Leaves $7-8 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide; bracts 13 mm . long

70 compacta Reynolds
Pedicels under 10 mm . long: Pedicels c. 7 mm . long; leaves with many dots 128 zanzibarica Milne-Redhead Pedicels $1-2 \mathrm{~mm}$., bracts 1 mm . long

92 mawii Christian
Bracts longer than the pedicels:
Bracts 12, pedicels $7-8$, perianth $32-35 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
Bracts up to 30 , pedicels $20-25$, perianth $38-40 \mathrm{~mm}$. long

131 deserti Engl.
139 babatiensis Christian

## Group 4

Stems hanging; leaves $2.5-4 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide; bracts $6-10 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Perianth 25 mm . long
65 veseyi Reynolds
Perianth 30 mm . long . . . . . . . . 64 confusa Engl.
Stems not hanging; perianth 33 mm . long, or more:
Pedicels $1-2 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; leaves up to 10 cm . wide
Pedicels over 12 mm . long:
Perianth 40 mm . long; leaves 9 cm . wide; pedicels $20-$ 25 mm . long

92 mawii Christian

139 elgonica Bullock
Perianth $33-36 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Pedicels 14 mm . long; leaves $6-9 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide
Pedicels $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Leaves about 3.5 cm . wide . . . . . 146 kedongensis Reynolds
Leaves about 5 cm . wide
147 ngobitensis Reynolds

## Group 5

Bracts not above 7 mm . long; pedicels under 11 mm . long:
Perianth over 25 mm . long:
Perianth $29-30 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; leaves with many spots:
Teeth on leaves $4-6 \mathrm{~mm}$. apart
20 erensii Christian
Teeth on leaves 10 mm . or more apart
Perianth $40-45 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, leaves without spots
Perianth $16-20 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; leaves without, or with few spots.
Bracts over 9 mm . long; pedicels usually over 11 mm . long:
Bracts shorter than the pedicel:
Leaves with many dots:
Perianth with a pronounced basal swelling, markedly constricted above this:
Bracts $2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$. broad; pedicels 20 mm . or more long: Perianth 33 mm . long Perianth $35-38 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
Bracts 6 mm . broad; pedicels 16 mm . long
Perianth not constricted above the base; bracts 10 mm . broad; pedicels 13 mm . long

23 pirottae Berger
73 christianii Reynolds
97 ruspoliana Bak.

28 graminicola Reynolds
36 lateritia Engl.
29 kilifiensis Christian
68 venusta Reynolds
Leaves with few or no dots:
Bracts 10, pedicels 14 , perianth 38 mm . long
72 crassipes Bak.
Bracts 5-6, pedicels $8-10$, perianth $40-45 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
73 christianii Reynolds
Bracts longer than the pedicel:
Leaves spotted, 8 cm . wide
69 macrosiphon Bak.
Leaves not spotted, 4 cm . wide
130 hendrickxii Reynolds

## Group 6

Bracts over 7 mm . long:
Leaves up to 9 cm . wide, with many spots:
Perianth sharply constricted above the ovary
Perianth not sharply constricted above the ovary:
Bracts deflexed, twice as long as the $6-7 \mathrm{~mm}$. long pedicels
Bracts erect, shorter than or less than $50 \%$ longer than the pedicels:
Bracts c. 11 mm . long, 10 mm . broad, as long as the pedicels
Bracts 15 mm . long, 8 mm . broad, $50 \%$ longer than the pedicels
Leaves up to 15 cm . wide, not, or hardly, spotted
29 kilifiensis Christian
60 otallensis Bak. var. elongata Berger

68 venusta Reynolds
69 macrosiphon Bak.
80 wrefordii Reynolds
Bracts under 7 mm . long:
Flowers all turned to one side of the inflorescence rhachis ("secund"); teeth on leaves 2 mm . or more long, 10 mm . or more apart:
Perianth c. 25 mm . long; leaves with few-many spots
Perianth over 29 mm . long; leaves without spots:
Leaves c. 6 cm . wide; perianth 30 mm . long
Leaves $12-24 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide; perianth 35 mm . long
Flowers not "secund"; perianth under 35 mm . long; teeth on leaves small (up to 1 mm . long); 5-8 mm. apart in lower part of leaf:
Perianth $16-20 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, the outer segments united for $60 \%$ of their length

97 ruspoliana Bak.
Perianth c. 23 mm . long, the outer segments united for $45 \%$ of their length

115 microdonta Chiov.

## Group 7

Bracts 10 mm . long or more; perianth 35 mm . long or more, sharply contracted just above the ovary:
Bracts less than half as long as pedicels:
Pedicels c. 30 mm . long, leaves $10-12 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide
32 duckeri Christian
Pedicels c. 35 mm . long, leaves $8-9 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide var. lateritia

## Group 7 (Continued)

Bracts 16 mm . long, equalling the pedicels

Bracts under 7 mm . long; perianth not sharply contracted just above the ovary, though sometimes trigonously indented:
Perianth markedly trigonously indented above the ovary:
Pedicels $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; perianth $35-40 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; teeth on leaves usually under 10 mm . apart
Pedicels under 15 mm . long; perianth not over 35 mm . long; teeth on leaves 10 mm . or more apart:
Leaves about 8 cm . wide
Leaves up to 17 cm . wide
Perianth not markedly trigonously indented above the ovary:
Leaves $6-8 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide:
Perianth $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. long; leaves not spotted Perianth $28-\mathbf{3 0} \mathrm{mm}$. long:
Spots on leaves few or none; perianth 30 mm . long Spots on leaves many; perianth 28 mm . long

Leaves $16-18 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide, not spotted

36 b lateritia Engl. var. kitaliensis (Reynol.) Reynolds

38 chabaudii Schonl.

39 bukobana Reynolds
42 rivae Bak.

98 classenii Reynolds
100 mubendiensis Christian
112 b schweinfurthi Bak. var. labworana Reynolds 116 marsabitensis Verdoorn \& Christian

## Group 8

Perianth over 32 mm . long:
Perianth markedly trigonously indented above the ovary the outer segments united for $60 \%$ of their length
Perianth not markedly trigonously indented above the ovary, the outer segments free to the base

42 rivae Bak.
114 macleayi Reynolds
Perianth under 30 mm . long:
Pedicels 15 mm ., perianth 28 mm . long
Pedicels under 11 mm . perianth under 26 mm . long:
Leaves about 16 cm . wide, the teeth $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. apart
Leaves under 14 cm . wide, the teeth up to 16 mm . apart:
Leaves many-spotted, c. 13 cm . wide
Leaves with few or no spots, under 12 cm . wide:
Leaves $7-8 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide; pedicels $8-10 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
Leaves $9-11 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide; pedicels $5-6 \mathrm{~mm}$. long .
101 wilsonii Reynolds
84 calidophila Reynolds
104 tweediae Christian
98 classenii Reynolds
115 microdonta Chiov.

## Group 9

Bracts over 10 mm . long:
Perianth $27-28 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, the outer segments free for half their length
Perianth 35 mm . long, the outer segments united for $70 \%$ of their length

60 otallensis Bak.
70 compacta Reynolds
Bracts under 7 mm . long:
Pedicels 8 or more mm. long:
Perianth $40-45 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
73 christianii Reynolds
Perianth $33-35 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Stems slender, up to 6 m . tall, free from dead leaves; outer perianth segments united for $1 / 3$ of their length
Stems up to 1 m . tall, leafy; outer perianth segments united for $2 / 3$ of their length

125 ballyi Reynolds
140 flexifolia Christian
Pedicels under 7 mm . long; perianth under 26 mm . long:
Perianth over 21 mm . long:
Leaves with few or many spots all over them
Leaves unspotted, or with a few spots at the base only. Perianth $16-20 \mathrm{~mm}$. long

87 turkanensis Christian 115 microdonta Chiov. 97 ruspolaina Bak.

## Group 10

Perianth under 30 mm . long; bracts under 4 mm . long:
Leaves under 9 cm . wide:

Perianth $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. long, 7 mm . wide across the ovary
Perianth 27 mm . long, $5-6 \mathrm{~mm}$. wide across the ovary
Leaves $16-18 \mathrm{~cm}$. wide
Perianth over 30 mm . long:
Leaves up to 17 cm . wide
Leaves under 11 cm . wide:
Teeth on leaves $1-2 \mathrm{~mm}$. long
Teeth on leaves 3 mm . or more long:
Leaves 5 cm . wide.
Leaves 6 or more cm . wide:
Perianth 40 mm . long
Perianth under 36 mm . long:
Pedicels 18 mm ., bracts 7 mm . long . . . 142 rabaiensis Rendle
Pedicels $14-15 \mathrm{~mm}$., bracts $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Stems stffly erect, simple, or with 1 or 2 branches
from the base, up to 4 mm . tall
Stems erect or spreading, forming clumps $1-2 \mathrm{~m}$. tall

98 classenii Reynolds
133 yavellana Reynolds
116 marsabitensis Verdoor n \& Christian

42 rivae Bak.
140 flexifolia Christian
147 ngobitensis Reynolds
148 nyerieusis Christian

126 volkensii Engl.
143 dawei Berger

## Group 11

Pedicels under 13 mm . long:
Perianth over 30 mm . long . . . . . . 42 rivae Bak.
Perianth under 28 mm . long:
Leaves over 12 cm . wide:
Teeth on leaves $20-25 \mathrm{~mm}$. apart, leaves unspotted . 84 calidophila Reynolds
Teeth on leaves $10-15 \mathrm{~mm}$. apart; leaves spotted near the base

104 tweediae Christian
Leaves under 12 cm . wide:
Teeth on leaves up to 5 mm . long . . . . 98 classenii Reynolds
Teeth on leaves 1-2 mm. long . . . . . 115 microdonta Chiov.
Pedicels over 14 mm . long:
Leaves over 7 cm . wide:
Perianth c. 35 mm . long . . . . . . 126 volkensii Engl.
Perianth $28-30 \mathrm{~mm}$. long:
Bracts 1-nerved . . . . . . . 101 wilsoniii Reynolds
Bracts 3-nerved . . . . . . . 141 boscawenii Christian
Leaves under 7 cm . wide . . . . . . 147 ngobitensis Reynolds
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